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Applicant(s): Kenji ANDO et al.				
Invention: ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE SAME				
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.